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NOTICE

Burma Baptist Missionary Convention

Place of meeting — Moulmein

Date — 3rd and 4th October, 1936

Pre-Convention Concert 2nd October, at 7 p.m.

Chairman — Dr. W. E. Wiatt

Recording Secretary — Rev. R. Cummings

Committees on (1) *Resolutions* — Rev. J. T. Latta

(2) *Obituary* — Dr. W. E. Wiatt

(3) *Digest of Letters* — Dr. E. C. Chaney

(4) *Correspondence* — Rev. C. L. Conra

Preacher — Dr. G. D. Josif, (Alt.) Dr. G. E. Gates

Theme — “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit” (Zach 4:6)

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Conference Secretary

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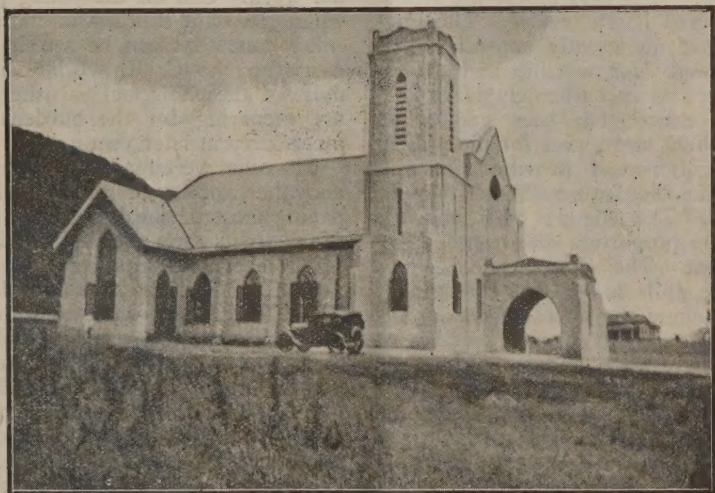
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The New Taunggyi Church

The new church building for the Baptist Community in Taunggyi was not quite completed during the summer vacation but was nevertheless opened for the Easter Service. Five hundred were present including many of our missionary friends here for the summer. All felt the joy of having a church building after worshipping for many years in the school hall. By July 1, the building was completed and the Dedicatory service was held on July 5. The day was fine and the great profusion of flowers added to the beauty of the roomy

interior. The church was again filled and on the platform were the present and the former pastors, all the deacons, a number of missionary friends and all the officers of the church. The pastor presided. The choir had prepared most excellent music for the occasion and the Ladies Trio of the Mission gave two numbers, the last one being composed by Miss Taylor and put by her into orchestral form.

Dr. Henderson and Rev. U Ba Te gave the addresses and called us to ever increasing sacrificial service for

our Master. Rev. Mr. Fisher brought Fraternal Greetings from the Anglican Communion and his call was for real unity among all Christians. Prayers were in four languages and the Doxology in at least ten. Taunggyi is a meeting place for many races and practically all are represented in the Sunday congregations. It was a joy to all to have Rev. C. H. Heptonstall give us the benediction.

At least five services are held each Sabbath in this centrally located church. One is a vesper service in English. It is held unless the Anglican church has a service. The English residents greatly appreciate this opportunity for worship and the attendance is encouragingly large.

The church has been erected on ample lines and serves for the present congregation and provides for galleries in the future should they be needed. The length is 86 ft. and it is broad in proportion, the transepts being 62 ft. The west facade is 45 ft. and the walls 22 ft. The ceiling is of asbestos and the floors of teak. The tower was a gift from a member of the congregation and is 56 ft. high. The bell can be heard in almost all parts of the town. A memorial window has been ordered and will soon be installed in the west facade in memory of the late Mr. B. T. Petley of Beckenham, England, brother of Mrs. Heptonstall. The picture will give you some idea of the beauty and strength of the building but it really needs to be seen with its background of hills to realize its full beauty. It is built of Taunggyi stone well dressed and pointed in cement. The portico and the buttresses add much to the architectural beauty as well as to strength and usefulness. Electric lights will be installed very soon.

The church builder was Mr. Ah Cham, a local Christian contractor and builder. He deserves much commendation for his faithful work. He was assisted by a local committee of eight who kept the work well

under supervision during the whole period of construction. Much help on the plans was freely given by U B. Chit, architect of Rangoon before he left for England. His interest in the work was greatly appreciated.

Credit must be given to the young people of the church who under the guidance of Mr. Chartrand have undertaken to beautify the grounds. They gave two whole Wazo holiday to the work to have grounds presentable and roads made for the dedication and they are eager to complete the work. Call on the young people when you want enthusiasm and something done that can be seen! They carry on the C. E. work, compose most of the choir, act as ushers and are preparing for the burdens they must carry in later years.

The seats were made locally of teak and the women of the church are paying most of the bill of Rs. 2,000. Many seats are memorial gifts at Rs. 30 each and gifts were also made for the furnishing of the new church. The Communion table and chairs were gifts and were made in Moulmein by Mr. Weeks. The total cost of the church is about Rs. 17,000. Over Rs. 16,000 are paid in and the balance is cared for by reliable subscriptions due by December 31. No appeal was made outside the church for funds but the offerings at the English service will be used to help pay for electric lights. The cost for the church, its complete furnishing and the lighting will be about Rs. 20,000. That God has enabled this little community to erect this splendid Temple for the Honour of His Name is cause for great rejoicing. Much remains to be done, for a parish house must be provided soon for Sunday School work and other affiliated work of the church. The church will surely meet all its obligations for the ever increasing work of God's Kingdom in these beautiful Shan Hills.

L. B. Hughes

Wa—Bana, China

Some experiences of great joy as well as extreme sorrow have come to us in recent months. On the twelfth March we were greatly rejoiced by the safe arrival of our little son, Lael Marcus. Less than a month later, we were saddened to learn that another very dear to us had passed from this world to the Home beyond.

It is with great sorrow that we realize we shall not see Father Young again in this life. We have lost more than a devoted father; we have lost our strongest earthly advocate in this work to which we have devoted our lives. Though we were separated much of the time during these last years when he was in America, Father Young kept in constant touch with us through his letters, and in a more real sense even, through his prayers. We shall never, this side of paradise, be able to compute the power of his prayers on our lives and in this great mission work. He upheld us unremittingly at the Throne of Grace. Would that we had him to plead for us now, for our mission is suffering a persecution such as we have never seen before. Yet, for his sake, we are glad that he is being spared the trial of these times. And the parting is not for long; we shall see him again some day. In the meantime the memory of his boundless zeal and unwavering faith will ever be a great inspiration to us.

A few months ago it seemed that we were going to have much glad news to share with you in regard to large gatherings among the Wa tribes. Hundreds of households had destroyed their evil spirit altars and were asking for Christian baptism. Some of our finest Wa preachers were laboring among these people, explaining to them more fully the Way of Life, and the outlook was the brightest it had been for many years. Then persecution, like a cataclysm, suddenly broke forth. The Chinese

—long the enemies of Christianity among the hill tribes—using the disturbance about the Burma-China boundary as a pretense, began a violent effort to stamp out the Christian religion. In one section eighteen Christian villages were burned, and all throughout the Wa country the order went forth that chapels must be torn down, and evil spirit altars must be restored to each home. There was to be no more teaching of Christianity, and any teachers or preachers discovered were to be shot.

In only two sections in which we have Wa Christians have the people been able to resist their persecutors. Having steadfastly refused to tear down their chapels, they are meeting daily for worship. Elsewhere the people have been forced to comply; and in one section, where the forces opposed to Christianity are exceedingly strong, the lives of all the people who bear the name of Christian are in such jeopardy that they have had to flee to the jungles for safety. Many of our teachers, as well as others, have lost all their possessions; and we have just received word that two men were seized, tortured, and put to death for their faith. We have appealed to the American Consul at Yunnanfu for help, but with little hope that he will be able to do much for us, for anti-Christian feeling seems to be strong in many parts of Yunnan province. Our only sure hope is in God, and how much more He will allow in the working out of His divine purposes, we cannot tell. Our hearts are greatly burdened. Will you not make this your burden, too, and remember to pray for these thousands of Christians who are suffering because of their faith in Christ?

The persecution has not affected the Lahu villages around Bana, but for a time robbers were so numerous and the attitude of the magistrate so unfriendly that Vincent hesitated to take the baby and me back to Bana.

Vincent was in Bana most of the dry season, but I had been staying in Kengtung for some months in order to be under the care of a doctor. A few weeks ago, however, the situation looked a bit brighter, so we packed up our things, and turning our backs on the pagoda-spired plain of Kengtung, struck out for the rugged hills of Bana and home. It was hard to say "goodbye" to the good friends, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Buker, who had opened their home to us for so many months, and it was a bit hard to leave behind the comparative comforts and security of Burma for the more rigorous and uncertain life in China. And yet, a kind of joyous exaltation possessed me at the thought of going back to our Bana home again.

Six of the eight days we traveled we enjoyed the company of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Buker. They wished to visit one of their out-stations which lies quite close to Bana, though still in Burma, so we arranged to go at the same time. The first day we traveled by auto as far as an auto could go in our direction, but thereafter had to content ourselves with the more tedious and difficult quadruped travel. Lael was carried by four legs, too, but they were human legs. His buggy was fastened to long bamboo poles which were supported by the shoulders of two sure-footed and tireless mountain men. Having started our journey after the rainy season had set in, we did not expect to keep dry all of the time, and didn't. Nevertheless, we had more sunshine than we sometimes enjoy in June, so didn't find the roads too difficult, and got the baby's washing dry some of the time. Insects bothered us most. All the vicious species ever created seemed to hound us and try to make us miserable; but, having good human companions with us, we enjoyed the trip, anyway.

Now, we are settled in Bana, again, and are glad to be here; and yet it is

not easy, for being nearer the people we must share more of their burdens. No, it is not easy with dwindling finances and increasing persecution and other troubles. But we know that God is in heaven if all is not right with the world, and that the final victory is His.

Mrs. Vincent Young



Moulmein Getting Ready

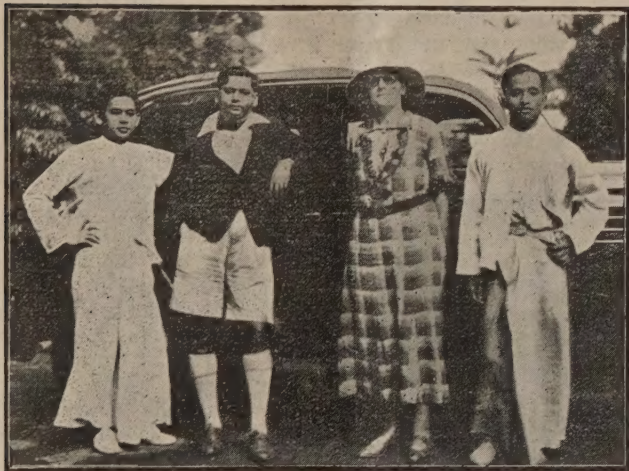
Last April the seventh annual "Little Maymyo" was held in Moulmein Karen field, at Krutukee village, and it lasted ten days, as was very proper. There were four teachers, and several "helpers." Nearly sixty young people were in attendance. These annual meetings seem to be a fixture here. They are financed, managed, arranged, all by and for the Karens.

I was interested in Mr. Latta's note in the June News about the Tharrawaddy Assembly. It may be that ours antedates that, but the big point is that there seems to be a spontaneous movement among our Karen friends, that promises well for the future of our Karen churches and for the whole work in Burma. I also vote for the slogan: A Bible Assembly for Every Association.

Plans are complete for a week of Bible study with the pastors on this field. The usual time is cut down so as to make way for the very early meetings of the Convention. We are to study the Book of Hebrews, "Ways in which a lady teacher can help in the work of the pastor" and "Church directory, usages and customs." One of the suggestive subjects for an address is "How shall we adjust ourselves to the new political order?"

Moulmein churches are getting ready for the Convention, and we hope many will pray and work so that it may be a meeting of real spiritual power. "Few words."

A. J. Weeks



THE DEAN OF WOMEN, A DOCTOR AND TWO JUDSON COLLEGE STUDENTS
START FOR SHWE PYI.

Rural Reconstructors Judson College

Sunday Schools and Boy Scout groups are two forms of activity upon which our College rural reconstructors have embarked this year. A Bible class has been started at Shwe Pyi, and two at Hlawga, among the Karens, with a third in immediate prospect. Introduced by John Thet Yi, some of our students go over to Laungmygyaung, Hanthawaddy District, every Saturday afternoon, and stay until Sunday afternoon. They hope to start a scout troupe. An improvement society is already under way. Last Sunday one of our boys reached in the small church, and it is hoped that a regular Bible class will soon be started. Normally, no student goes more than twice per month, to any of these places, lest his studies be handicapped thereby. After very heavy rains, villages are often hard to reach (see picture).

The Red Cross has just granted us Rs. 200 for medicines, which are dispensed by doctors who give their

services through the Burma Private Medical Practitioners' Association.

Most of the readers of the BURMA NEWS know that we sent a number of college students out for the hot season. One of these, Saw Saw U, gives a most interesting report on his work in his native T'Ka Kee village, south-east of Moulmein. Seventy per cent of these cultivators on the hillsides are illiterate, although there is now a village vernacular school with thirty pupils.

Saw Saw U found the choir members willing to co-operate in the general improvement of the village, economic, social and religious. He held a class between 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, attended by Christians and non-Christians, and on Sundays they visited non-Christian homes, with the result that many non-Christians came to hear Saw Saw U preach.

Several non-Christians came to Saw Saw U, asking for help in their spiritual difficulties, and showing that they were earnest enquirers.

It is difficult, he reports, to find the men when they are not busy, as there

have been three crop failures, and they work from dawn till dark. The villagers are discouraged and pessimistic. Saw Saw U regrets that he is not more of an orator, better able to convince them.

He reports that the village is very healthy, without much cholera, tuber-



THE DEAN OF WOMEN WADES THROUGH DIFFICULTIES TO DO RURAL RECONSTRUCTION.

culosis, smallpox, etc., and the villagers think their cure for malaria is superior to any other. They are horrified at the thought of going to a Moulmein hospital for serious diseases, preferring to die at home. Saw Saw U concludes: "Time, more perfect knowledge and a man like Il Duce are required."

However, if they continue to follow the Man of Galilee, instead, and have outside inspiration from such as Saw Saw U, they will probably be much happier than with an Il Duce!

J. R. Andrus.

Maymyo

*"In whom all things consist.
Col. 1:14-28"*

"If Christ be the Maker of all worlds, there must be harmony between all worlds. The unity of the creation, physical and spiritual, lies in the unity of the Creator. It will be a glorious day when the recognition of Christ as the Master of all worlds, the source and support of activity in all spheres, shall be complete. The movement of the age is toward Christ, not away from Him. The sound thinkers of the world are more and more turning toward Christ and the day is already dawning when false Science will cast her crown at His feet and hail the Son of Mary as the Son of God, of whom and to whom and through whom are all things."

Dr. F. H. Smith

"I am still at work, with my hands to the plough, and my face to the future. The shadows of evening lengthen about me, but morning is in my heart..... The testimony I bear is this; that the castle of Enchantment is not yet behind me. I am before me still, and daily-I catch glimpses of its battlements and towers. The rich spoils of memory are mine. Mine, too, are the precious things of to-day—books, flowers, pictures, Nature, and sport. The first of May is still an enchanted day to me. The best thing of all is friends. The best of life is always farther on. Its real lure is hidden from our eyes somewhere beyond the hills of time."
—Sir Wm. Muloch, Chief Justice of Ontario, and at 95 the oldest serving Judge in the British Empire.

Dear friends and fellow-workers in the Vineyard of Christ,

As I stand now with my back to three-score and thirteen years, and my face turned toward the future, my spirit wholeheartedly acquiesces in the two quotations given above. "The best is yet to be; the last for

which the first was made," for every friend of Christ and for the Kingdom of God. In the great and glorious fundamentals of the Gospel, the soul abides with ever increasing faith and confidence and appreciation.

Amidst all the changes and upheavals and uncertainties and fears which prevail throughout the economic, social, and political world, I find Christ a peace which passeth understanding. My varied experiences, throughout over four decades of time spent in mission work, amidst a variety of widely-differing non-Christian faiths, have established me in the unshakeable conviction that Christ is *Absolute* and *Final* and *Unique*, the goal of humanity, and the only and *All-sufficient* Saviour of the world. He is incomparable, the living-vine-man, the Living-link between man and God, time and eternity, earth and heaven. There can be no creation of a synthetic religion or of "Fellowship of faiths." Christ is the Revealer of God and "God manifested in the flesh." I love Him with my heart and find in Him my soul's supreme satisfaction. The greatest privilege and highest honour is to belong to Him. As to the future: it is my profound belief that the believer already possesses *eternal life*, and that death but liberates the deemed spirit from its bodily limitations and, by the grace of God, ushers into the Paradise of God, into the immediate presence and fellowship of Christ Jesus and the spirits of those who have preceded us, there to await the conscious blessedness our Lord's return to earth, at His Second Advent, when we shall be clothed upon with our resurrection bodies and are in the triumphs of His glory and Kingdom.

The membership of "Calvary Baptist Church," Maymyo, has very kindly voted me a month's vacation, for which I am exceedingly grateful. In the first half of said holiday I am

spending at Hsipaw, Namtu, and Lashio, where we have, say, 275 members and five preachers. The second-half of this restful period may be spent at Taunggyi. It is my present plan, subject to His revision, to remain at Maymyo until the Spring of 1938 and then to leave, finally, this fascinating province of Burma wherein forty-five years of my life, including four furloughs, shall then have been spent.

Readers of this article will pardon the personal element which characterizes it. To His praise I have given testimony. May feeble faith be hereby strengthened, contributors to foreign-missions encouraged, and confidence in "the gospel as the power of God unto salvation" be reinforced. Finally, may my heart's unspeakable longing for a rich harvest of genuine conversions to Christ, during the remaining brief period of my ministry in this "Land of Judson," be graciously realized, and a successor follow me who shall be better qualified than the writer to continue and develop this needy and promising field.

Ernest Grigg.

♦ ♦ ♦ To Go or not to Go— That is the Question

When I arrived in Burma the time of Missionary Conference was at Thadingyut Holidays. I was told that it was so arranged to enable all missionaries to attend Convention.

Ten years have passed during which the question of time of our Conference has almost become a perennial football. This uncertainty has certainly contributed to a most marked decrease in missionary attendance at convention.

As Treasurer of Convention quite new to the office the records as reviewed show me that a majority of missionaries were accustomed to attend the annual convention. Many helped with personal gifts collected at

Toungoo — Burman

that time. But more than that pecuniary help, their presence was appreciated by the Nationals. We are no longer needed to "run" a Convention as sometimes happened in the past. But there is an unparalleled opportunity for fellowship with exchange of ideas with our fellow-workers. They are assuming an active relation to the All Burma Baptist Missionary Convention and consider it a part of their responsibility. This fact rather than relieving us of our responsibility should make us all the prouder to have a part in the All Burma Baptist Missionary Convention. The word "missionary" has always been in our Convention's name.

In appealing for your support of Convention thus early I have another reason in mind. Because our Missionary Conference is not meeting in conjunction with Convention, many missionaries who might otherwise attend may not now plan to go. An October Missionary Conference would have brought all together at a time when we might have been discussing the Board's Evaluation Study. Furthermore each of the Racial Conferences will presumably be dealing with the Report as it affects their respective work. Afterwards some general resolutions may be brought in to Convention Session. Thus if we know at first hand what our brethren are thinking we shall be able to plan more intelligently towards the ultimate solutions that will be decided when Dr. Howard is here.

Please bring or send all contributions under your charge. As the year will be closed with September 15, please mail this year's contributions.

E. T. Fletcher,

*Treasurer, Burma Baptist
Missionary Convention.*



There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and more delightful, than that of a continual walk with God; those only can comprehend it, who practise and experience it.

Brother Lawrence.

The work at Kelinseit has opened up nicely. We found a teacher for the village school who has taken his family out to the village and is living with them as an example of what an educated Christian family can be if surrendered to the Lord. We needed a house for him and fortunately found an owner who was willing to sell house and land for Rs. 15. Very little had to be done to make it fit for occupancy. The interest which started with the D. V. B. S. is keeping up and there are ten more inquiries there. It is interesting sometimes to trace back some of the first causes for interest in some of our village work. Years ago U Po Hla, father of Dave Hla and of Major Ba Thaw, was stationed at Toungoo and on his tours to the hills made Kelinseit his headquarters for the work in that section. He was always a preacher and some came to believe and from one of these believers there has been going out all through these years a constant witness to salvation which is in Christ. Thus it is that fields which have seemed most discouraging because of lack of results have gone on for years and when the time was ripe the results have amazed us. The faithful seed sowing has reaped its reward. But sometimes it takes many years for that time to come.

Recently I sent one of my workers to the north end of this field to scout around and see what Christians he could find. I knew of a few Christians who were scattered in different villages and gave him the names of these. Some had moved away and others had come in. He returned with a report that made it seem well to take a trip up to Yeni and Myohla and we drove up with three of our workers and spent a Sunday with the people at Yeni. We found one young man who seems much interested in the message and two or three others who listened attentively. It is likely

at one of the young men from the Christian family will be baptized ere long. We had eight of the villagers in the service, two or three of whom were definitely interested, (three were ready Christians) and two not showing any interest. We came away feeling encouraged at what we saw. At Myohla we found a man at the police station who is from a Christian family and himself a Christian. A short visit with him and prayer and then a short call on a Chinaman whom we baptized years ago and who still holds to his faith, completed our work for the day and we then returned to Mungoo. We are glad to get these new Christians in a village as it helps to get a start there.

Some of you have heard that our son, Bernard, has been called to act as Director of Religious Education at the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio. He writes us that it is his purpose to spend a year in this work and then if he is satisfied that he is fitted for the work of the ministry to enter the seminary a year from this fall. Of course we are pleased as we have long wished that he might feel that he had a call to this work.

Lewis B. Rogers.



Mandalay—Three Months Retrospect

May is a very hot, dry month in Mandalay, but the idea of having a Daily Vacation Bible School in our church was inspiration and dynamic enough to return from holiday early in the month. We have often had D. V. B. S. in the villages but this time the children of our city church had the opportunity to enjoy it too. The school ran for ten days, (morning session only). The attendance varied from thirty to fifty. Since the school was composed entirely of Christian children we took a daily offering to defray expenses, consecrating it with the hymn, "We give

Thee but Thine Own" (one verse in Burmese). There were three classes for memory work, story, music and hand-work periods. Before dismissal each morning the school reassembled especially for a missionary story. They had ten stories of children of other lands. Usually after these stories we sang, "Go Ye into All the World."

In response to written invitations, a splendid number of parents and friends came to the closing session of the school. The program was simple. We used the usual program for opening exercises. Then each class gave one number. The Kindergartners sang several songs, the Primaries gave a dramatization of Paul and Barnabas at Lystra, the Juniors presented the parable of the Sower. The Primaries and Juniors recited together the names of the books of the Bible. They had also learned where to locate these. The whole school sang a number of hymns which they had committed to memory. Each child retained one piece of hand-work and contributed the rest to the school. These have been sold and the money has gone into the D. V. B. S. Fund together with the generous offering received from the visitors.

Our World Wide Guild celebrated its first birthday at the June meeting. It was the first of five monthly meetings when we shall study Home Missions together. At this meeting we took up the life of Mrs. Judson. The girls were thrilled with it. There were fifteen girls present. At the conclusion of the program the birthday cake appeared topped with one white, lighted candle. We joined hands around it and sang, "Happy Birthday" to our W. W. G. Then we cut and ate it with limeade. The girls are enthusiastically working up a big membership. They are a grand bunch, taking a lot of committee responsibility and boosting W. W. G.

July 17 was the forty-ninth birthday of the Mandalay Girls' School. The hall was tastefully decorated in the school colors, blue and gold, and was crowded, both upstairs and down, for the evening program by parents and friends. The whole program was delightful and those who prepared it received much praise from an appreciative audience. A few of the numbers were a ribbon drill of the school colors, the birthday greeting song, an African dance to the tune of "John Peel," little caterpillars turning into butterflies, "Little Mothers" with their dollies waving their celluloid hands at the audience, a Burmese play, and several other interesting items. In the Tenth Standard pass results the school had 68 per cent pass.

Kelly High School is in full swing under the superintendence of Saya U Kyi. Their Tenth Standard passes too were very good—60 per cent pass. The attendance this year has almost come up to that of last year.

An adult Sunday School class in Burmese has been started in the Church on Sunday mornings as the result of a request from several families. There is an attendance of about twenty and a genuine interest. The desire for having the class was put on the basis of wanting to grow as Christians. It touched the teacher very much. Of course only God and the Holy Spirit can cause growth. May the teacher be a willing and obedient instrument in His Hand!

Needless to say, we miss the Hinton very much—their fellowship, their advice and help and co-operation and the merriment of the children. We have heard that they reached Cincinnati on a Friday in the middle of May and on Monday all the children were in school, even John who just loves Kindergarten and wishes he could go in the afternoon as well as the morning. Our thoughts and prayers follow them continually. Marian H. Reifsneider.

Thonze

How it does rain! It has rained every day since the monsoon broke in May, and then some. "It is so damp that one's courage gets mildewed and one's ambitions get mouldy," as The Lady of the Decoration says. I prefer March and April to this with all their heat. But however much we may talk about the weather, there is nothing we can do about it but let it alone and take our umbrella when we go out. And I broke the handle of mine this morning, but found someone else's in my car which I used before it was returned. Happened to meet the owner. So I'll have to have a new handle or a new umbrella.

We have had a good deal of work to do these last two months. Baptized eight at Letpadan, five of them the result of our Daily Vacation Bible Schools near there. The preachers and Bible Women visited the villages, where we had D. V. B. Schools in the dry season and brought them to a decision. Six were baptized at Tu Ywa. All of them were from Christian families. There are three or four more near to the Kingdom. Our two itinerent Bible Women are up there working this month. One of them is supported by the All Burma Woman's Society and the other by the women of this association. There are twelve Churches in the association and they spend a month at each Church. September they will spend at Thonze and attend the Workers' Study Class. We intend to study together "The Gospel by Mark," and I shall give them a course in "Missions," taking up our ten mission fields. We shall have one hour a day to take up special topics, and for discussing problems and for planning the work for next year. The good people of Thonze manage the commissariat end of it by inviting them to their homes for a meal. The evenings are open meetings for every

body. Reports are heard from each field. One night is for the C. E. and Sunday School reports. One night we have an old fashioned testimony or experience meeting, and one night at least for a prayer meeting. This is the time, too, when the Damahita Athin has its meetings. But I have nothing to do with that. I can't even belong.

Have been going over the Association Statistics. (The Field Secretary has just been here. Statistics are like astronomy, contagious). We took over the Thonze Field in 1906, in March. We took over the Zigon field in the spring of 1913. Since that time there have been 1904 baptisms on both fields. (This does not count out our furloughs, for there is no way of finding out what number should be deducted). That makes an average of sixty-three a year over the whole period. It would be sixty-five if Zigon were counted from 1906.

The two fields have produced in his time fifty-four preachers. All but three of them attended the seminary for one or more years. Twenty-four are graduates, ten have been ordained. What has become of them? Eight of them are ordained pastors; nine of them are evangelists or preachers; two are teaching; nine are Seminary Students; four are at other work, but preaching as opportunity arises; fourteen have been called home to Glory; eight have left the fold.

The two fields in the same time have produced thirty-three Bible Women, all but four of them attended the Woman's Bible School for one or more years. Seventeen graduated. What has become of them? Fifteen married; four died; four are students; five are Bible women. Five have left the fold.

All four of our boys who graduated last spring now have positions. Two have gone to Maymyo and Hsipaw. One is working in the Toungoo field.

One has gone back to help in the Seminary while he takes the English Course at the Divinity School. We needed them all on these two fields but could not support them. But we are glad to give of our best to others.

A letter from Mary written the 29th June says that she is at the home of our brother in Storm Lake, Iowa, and that she had just got over an attack of pneumonia that caused her to go to a hospital and stay there a week, but that she was out and alright again when she wrote.

The Hobbses, the Parishes and the Chaney's came and made red letter days for us. The roads are bad for fifteen or twenty miles of the way, but they got here. So can you. Say when.

J. T. Latta.



The Late Mr. Chas. Petley

In the December number of THE NEWS for the year 1897, the Editor of that time, the late Mr. F. D. Phinney, in announcing a wedding the month previous, and extending to the bride a welcome into the mission family, adds this of her parents:

"Captain and Mrs. Petley have made the interests of the Toungoo Mission their own for so many years that it is also a pleasure now to recognize them in a somewhat unusual relationship, that of father-in-law and mother-in-law to the Toungoo Mission."

I quote this as a reason for asking space in THE NEWS to tell of the passing of their last of seven sons, my brother Charles Petley, from a convalescent home in Brighton, England. He was ordered home last February for treatment of cancer in the mouth, and went to a cancer hospital in London. At first they said it was beyond cure, and gave him six months to live. Later, when it responded readily to the Radium treatment, they held out hope of a cure, and finally, to our great surprise,

pronounced him cured, allowed him to leave the hospital and enter a convalescent home. Within a month a breaking down of the arteries, causing frequent hemorrhages, brought his life on earth to a speedy close. It came as great shock to me, for within a week of receiving the cabled news, I had an air-mail letter from him in which he spoke of the hope to return to Burma in October. While grieving the loss of a much-loved brother, I can be thankful that his suffering was so short, and that the end of life came to him in his own native land, surrounded by his own kin. He was laid to rest by the side of his brother, Bert, late director in Steel Brothers, in the country church-yard of Downe, the original home of the Petleys.

I have had many letters of sympathy and eulogy from all over Burma but perhaps those from the Toungoo Karens are among those most appreciated. The Superintendent of the Bwe Karen School, writing on behalf of the school, says: "Your brother was a great friend to the poor Karens and will be greatly missed." And the church pastor, writing for the Karen community says: "The whole of Toungoo is mourning the loss of a true friend and benefactor." An English friend in Toungoo writes: "It is inconceivable to think of Toungoo without a Petley." My parents came to Burma and Toungoo in 1866, and ever since—now 70 years—there has always been a Petley in the place.
Elizabeth M. Heptonstall.



Modern culture makes much of other saviours. Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, stand almost on a level with Jesus. But *there is none other name.*

And my own heart would seek its life and peace elsewhere—In my prayers, my gifts, my tears, my labours. In the good opinion of my fellows, and the approval of my own conscience. In my hopes and dreams that all will go well. But—but *there is none other Name.*

Alexander Smellie.

Kutkai—Kachin

The Kutkai Kachin Bible Training School began its third year here on May first. We have nine young women and thirteen young men, coming from the three Kachin fields. By this time the work of the classes is well under way, and also the week-end work in the seventeen villages. In fact we have more applications from villages for this week-end work than we are able to supply. Instead of giving general directions for the whole village, the pupils have been asked to make at least one demonstration garden in each one of these seventeen villages, and for these we have supplied some seeds and young seedlings, as well as a variety of flowers which we raise on the compound. The deaf boy who was trained in the Myitkyina carpenter shop has made a number of chairs and tables, with the help of some of the pupils, for the village chapels. They want these and are willing to pay for them. We have also made some cement slabs for the bored sanitary latrines. When some Kachins saw those in use on this compound they ordered them for their own use, and we hope to sell more of these in time.

In spite of the heavy rains, over two hundred Kachin men and women came from villages some of them twelve miles distant to our general meeting held every other month, at which time six women and seven men from the villages served by our pupils were accepted for baptism. This makes sixty-three so far this school year.

Every week the reports bring the news of nat altars being removed, and these families are now being trained and instructed in this new way of life before they are accepted for baptism. Some of the ordained preachers also send interesting reports. One reports twenty-eight baptisms in two villages, and the preacher with headquarters at Namkham reports baptising fifteen in

one village and thirteen in another. We now have applications for driving out the nats in villages several days' journey from here. At times we are almost overwhelmed at the opportunities and the responsibilities which come our way, but we know that God is even more concerned about it all than we are, so we go ahead, in His name, doing the best we can.

Just as Dr. Chaney wrote last month, every morning everyone on his compound is up bright and early. To plant enough vegetables in the right season, and to keep the weeds down, keeps us all busy. This is a busy and a happy place. Part of the family went to Rangoon for the Burma Christian Council meetings, and found the heat of Rangoon rather overpowering, but the visits with friends very delightful. However, the return to this beautiful, and wonderfully cool place was even more delightful.

The Geises.



Bhamo — Kachin

We in Bhamo have been more than usually fortunate in the guests we have had in past months. The last day of 1935 Miss Thomas, Dr. Grey and her sister, and her friend Miss Pearson from Chicago brought good cheer to our compound. In February "Bo" Case with thirteen of his boys came bringing a pure-bred cock and pig and an immense amount of enthusiasm for a more abundant life in the villages. Cock, pig, and enthusiasm are still very much alive. In March we were happy to have Mrs. H. W. Smith, Dr. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. U Cho, Mr. and Mrs. U Gyi Myit as guests at the tri-ennial Kachin Convention.

The Convention has been reported in earlier issues, so we will give only one phase of it here. Through contacts made by Dr. Andrus we were able to have Dr. Tha Saing, Health

Publicity Officer, give a series of movie lectures. Of the 5,000 people attending, probably not more than 500 had ever seen a moving picture. It would take a clever comedian indeed to get more laughs than did a malaria-weakened American farmer as his stubborn mule dragged him and his plow across rows and around the field. In spite of the novelty and amazement, there was evidence that at least some of the health lessons took root and will bear fruit in the future.

Dr. Tha Saing also set up and demonstrated a bore-hole latrine outfit which we are now using in Bhamo district, through the kindness of Capt. Bozman, assistant director of the Burma Public Health Department.

On our school compound there are all sizes and kinds of students—twenty-two little tots in a revived kindergarten; 166 Vernacular High school pupils, the largest enrollment in the school's history; nine apprentices in the carpenter shop; thirty-four boarders attending the Government Elementary Training class and Anglo-Vernacular school.

Zau Lawn, our new headmaster, is a real up-and-comer. He is doing a great deal toward promoting sports, and stimulating interest in the school as a whole.

"...life is but a dream" is, paradoxically, very real to the school boys and girls as they sing the old round. Voice classes are an innovation in our curriculum, with a Bassein-trained instructor.

In addition to the usual crops, Pyinmana sweet potatoes, pigeon peas and gram are flourishing in the school garden. A few lemon, orange and grapefruit trees are making headway. There are about 200 seedlings in an embryo nursery by the lake.

Since we can't have a missionary neighbor next door, we're using the house to the next best advantage for the school. A dispensary, a sewing room where the girls use the machine

for their clothes, a library for the school and Kachin community, a teachers' common room are all under its roof. Even the front porch is utilized for the kindergarten, because the room formerly used is now needed for a high school class.

River stone for the Roberts Memorial Church is being hauled into the compound. A large number of villagers and their families helped pick up the stone before the rains.

Following a good Burma custom, we asked our friends to meet with us in a service of thanksgiving for John Martin; it was held on his dad's birthday. Over seventy Baptist folks representing seven races joined in our expressions of gratitude for a healthy, happy nine-months-oldster.

Martin and Mabel England.



Toungoo — Paku, Bwe

One of the things that strike us on returning to these fields after many years away is the increasing friendliness between the Anglican and Baptist Karens. They are intermarrying in increasingly large numbers and are doing many things in common but when it comes to religion then some of the older ones still keep up their arguing and insist on keeping apart. But even here a better spirit is showing itself as evidenced by the fact that I was asked to take the Bible classes at the recent Anglican pastors' conference. We feel that God is leading these two groups into still closer relations which will be for the advancement of His kingdom.

The Karen High school has a larger enrollment than last year, now numbering something over 330. More children have come down from the hills. The prospect of having direct motor communication with the growing town of Mawchi has brought some fifty children from that village. Some are little tads but they find a real mother in Thramu Ida, our

Karenized Burman teacher who though now on the retired list is as active as ever.

It was a great help to have Dr. Josif with us for a day to help us polish up our rusty educational ideas. Every member of the staff spoke of something they had gained from his visit. In the afternoon we had all the teachers of the three Baptist schools together and it turned out to be a regular educational conference which they all seemed to enjoy. The only trouble with his visit was that the day was all too short. We shall have to pick a longer day the next time he comes.

The B. C. C. meetings interested us. Seven Karens from Toungoo were present. If we feel that these meetings are important why not make it possible for more Nationals to attend? This would add to their significance. Another thing that struck me very forcibly was that excepting the evening meeting of the C. L. S. and the S. S., as far as I noticed, I did not see a single person there who was not a professional religious person, missionaries, ministers, and Mission school teachers. Let us have a vision of having in the next two years, a score or more of European and national Government officials, business men and ladies who are so interested in the bringing of Christ to Burma that they shall crowd us missionaries into the back seats. What an experience that would be for us. But until something like that happens will Burma be won for Christ?

The Bwe mission house has been rented. It is now to be called "Mawchi House" and will be the headquarters for men going back and forth to the mines. The new road is expected to be open for cars and lorries by November. The Bwe mission office has been moved into one of the rooms fronting the Old Court-house Road next to the Bunker Press. I am having office hours there

as well as here on the Paku compound. The people of the Bwe town church gave us a very cordial and delightful welcome the other day.

The death of "Charlie" Petly has been deeply felt by a number here in Toungoo. The Bwe Home Mission and School committee have expressed their sorrow in formal resolutions which were conveyed to Mrs. Hep-tonstall. Mr. Petly was indeed a good and generous friend to them through many years.

There are other things which I might mention but I will leave them for the next thin number of the NEWS.

H. I. Marshall.



Pegu — Burman

There is not much to write about these days except rain, and everyone else will probably write about that. But we have had two full grown floods here in Pegu since the rains began. By "full grown" I mean when the river spilled out over the banks and went cavorting around through the streets. Several other times it has promised to do so, but at about the last minute or two has changed its mind and stayed where it belonged. They have also had floods up along the road North around Daiku and in Nyaunglebin. So when we talk about the weather we have something to say, but the most we can do about it is to stay in the house.

Of course one could talk about the school and say that is taking a large part of the time, but we have a good bunch of teachers who are taking the responsibility and making it a lot easier for the superintendent, and doing a better job than if they were superintended too much. The school has gradually meandered up to 215, and occasionally a new pupil drops in, especially into the Infant Standard. This is said to be a Burmese school but over seventy of the chil-

dren are Indians, of six different racial groups. Then besides Burmese we have Karens, Chins, Chinese, Anglo-Indians, and mixtures of nearly all of these. And these children all work and play together without any thought of racial feeling—a pretty good way to overcome race prejudice. And the teachers do as much for one group as they do for another.

Then one might talk about the Evaluation Report, but as that is to come up in Conference with Dr. Howard, and anyway we are to express our views in a formal way through the Field Secretary's office per a Committee, its best to keep calm and dignified here. But there are one or two things that may be said in a public way. The designation, *more*, *less*, and *least* important seems to me to be artificial. That is when the comparison is made within the same kind of work, or language area. Different conditions and situations have not been taken into account. To say that because one field does not show the same kind of results as some other that it is *less* essential is like telling a regiment in a battle line that it is less essential because it gave way when it had to sustain a more vigorous attack than some other part of the line. In advocating uniting some work in some places *appearances* and not real conditions have been considered. These are places where we are not dealing with school children, but with mature people with fixed ideas of their own. And language differences do not seem to have been considered at all.

Or one might talk about those reports, or comparisons that the Field Secretary is getting out, but that will naturally be a part of the consideration of the whole; anyway it would take too long a letter. But its an inspiration and an incentive to work harder to know that some other fields are doing better work than we are.

One day during the month we had to go to Rangoon. On the way home we got lost, took the wrong road at the forks, and about night we found ourselves up in the neighborhood of Thonze, and as it was near dinner time and as Lattas' is a good place to eat we drove in. We stayed a couple of days and talked things over. It does one good to go there and talk things over, and get some constructive ideas, and see a place where there are some good results being accomplished. We came home wanting to do better work. But we got here just in time, for, in a day or two the roads into Pegu were under water, and we should have had to camp out somewhere. Its still raining, so I'm going to quit. But whenever you are passing through Pegu, either up or down, we shall be glad to welcome you to our "Island" home, and if we know in time we can manage to get something for you to eat. Good bye!

M. C. Parish.



Bassein — Sgaw Karen

Our school has enrolled more than 700 and there is a very fine spirit being shown especially by High School pupils. There is much more interest in Bible Study and religious affairs. I believe the two chief causes for this are the visit of the Gospel Team of about twenty in February and the much larger number of non-tobacco users. There are fifteen teachers who have put themselves on the side of those who do not use tobacco. Only one girl in the High School is on the other side. Practically all of the boys of Standard VI use tobacco.

This week a Temperance Program was given the whole school during the Bible hour, the chief item being "The Burning Boy." The cigaret in his mouth was lighted and the boy gradually burned up. This and "A Burning Girl" can be obtained for fifteen cents each from the anti-

Cigaret League, 5007 Range View Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. James A. Walker is Superintendent. They also publish "The Shield," a quarterly anti-cigaret paper.

Scholarship prizes for all standards were given out at a concert held for that purpose.

All the boarder girls and teachers have been divided into groups of five to seven for morning Quiet Time.

One Royal Ambassador has passed his third degree — that of Knight.

The non-Sgaw group which comes to my house during evening services has changed somewhat as sometimes the whole group are Christian Kachins from Standards VI to X. So Kachin is used in translation. When about half the group are Buddhists, Burmese is used in translation.

A Burman Buddhist brought to me a Pwo Karen Buddhist who said he wanted to know about Christianity from the beginning. The result has been an extra meeting for Buddhists only, to which about seven come.

Clara B. Tingley.



Bassein — Pwo Karen.

Since school opened the first of June, I have been very busy enrolling pupils, collecting fees and getting everything off to a good start. In spite of the depression, we have broken two records this year.

Firstly, the enrolment is the largest in the history of the school. We have to-day 395 enrolled, and there are none of the Tenth Standard pupils of last year, back in school yet. When results are out, I am sure that our enrollment will be 405 or more. We have our two dormitories crowded to their utmost capacity and are giving free board as we did last year.

Secondly, we have made a record as regards collection of fees. This has resulted from our insistence that all fees to date be paid before the pupil is admitted to the school. It has worked, although it may have

angered a few parents. The Advisory Committee voted that it should be done this way and I have carried out their desires in the matter.

Again, another remarkable feature of this year is the great number of races represented among our student body. The numbers and races are as follows.

Pwo Karens	242
Sgaw Karens	8
Burmans	72
Indians	34
Chinese	23
Anglo-Indian	7
Anglo-Burman	6
Japanese	1
Talaing	2

Total enrollment 395

It is remarkable how well all of the races get along together. Especially is this true this year. Thus it can be seen that our school is in a position to cultivate that spirit of fellowship and co-operation between the races which we so much long to see.

I have made Timothy Po Gyaw, B.Sc., B.Ed., Headmaster and he is making hold of his task in good style. I am therefore looking forward to the dry season when I shall be able to go to the jungle to visit the churches and to visit sections hitherto unvisited.

It may be of interest to some to know that Mrs. Conrad and the children, Charles Jr. and Florence are fine, having spent the winter in Phoenix, Arizona. Florence gained twenty-five per cent of her total weight within five months from the time she sailed from Rangoon. Charles Jr. was promoted to the Seventh Grade shortly after entering school and has now passed into the eighth grade. They plan to spend part of the summer with my sister in Amarillo, Texas. Their address is 1616 Monroe, Phoenix, Arizona.

Chas. L. Conrad.

Agricultural School

Pyinmana

We feel cheated. Our first offering of the year with all the enrollment and prospects was in our last month's articles and then comes the Editors Note: "This copy will not be sent to your friends in America." They are the ones whom we wrote it for; therefore may we repeat at least in part.

A Summary

(a) Thirty-one new boys have enrolled.

Two have gone A. W. O. L.

Four boys from English Seminary are registered and working in fine.

(b) We miss Brayton Case.

(c) A wind storm in May did a good bit of damage to buildings and fruit trees.

(d) We have had a mixed season of rain and lack of rain, making us a bit late with planting upland crops; cane and weeds are doing well.

(e) Our report to the Director of Agriculture of Burma received hearty approval of all our Management Committee members. We hope the same for it with the Legislative Council.

(f) Our Extension service keeps in contact with students after they leave school, encouraging them to put into practice the *better* things they have gotten here. We want our missionaries to know that we are at your service and thank you for your help.

(g) We visited Kyaw Bala, one of our old students and a demonstrator, in the Pwo Karen field. We were delighted at the fine way he is carrying on in spite of difficulties and weather. We were also delighted with the fine Christian organization of the village which this boy is fitting in with and helping.

- (h) The Co-operative Societies have closed the year with a lot of good experience and a growth in members and character of members, capital and service.

Agricultural School

On August 1, we are still having intermittent weather waiting for enough rain to flood the fields for transplanting paddy which we usually start about the first week of August. Nurseries are well along and ploughing is the order of the day.

From the garden we have been selling sweet corn all over the province and reports on taste are good. Onions, pineapples and plantains help fill up the baskets. Cucumbers for various kinds of pickles can be supplied on order. The women will furnish recipe on request.

Our Agricultural School Management Committee meets on August 15. With practically a complete new set up we are expecting a good going over.

We are digging some new ditches and roads and drains with which Bill says, "we are making our mark on the place."

High School

Our High School Committee and its capable superintendent, U Thet Swe, are feeling quite set up about our records of passes and the finances for the past year.

Sixteen out of twenty-six passes — well above the percentage of the province; higher than our school has had for many years and away above our competing schools in Pyinmana. And we are well underway for this year, with a good enrollment, a budget plan that balances, a splendid staff, and a fine spirit.

Field Evangelism and Extension

On July 10, we held our annual business meeting and report of our Station Committee and workers. We started the meeting with fellowship

visiting and taking dinner together, then after the agricultural school boys had cleared away the dishes we received our reports from workers and discussed plans for this year. Reports were given from nearly everyone of our communities where there is a Christian worker or Christian families. They spoke of problems, faith, victories and determination that with God's help they are going to be ready for use in a greater way in building up the Church.

Saya U Ba Te of Taunggyi gave us a spirited message and Daw Bwint of the Woman Bible Society reported some encouraging things from the field. Our Supervisor of Demonstration, Joseph Mg Nge, reports that the boys are doing a good job of Christian living. Other features of the reports were hopeful attitudes of our Karen demonstrating evangelists and the good work at Pinthaung and Kyauk-O. A report of more than passing note was the combined treasurers' report compiled after considerable effort by our Agricultural School clerk, Po The; this showed that all monies that were given and recorded for all purposes by the Baptist Christians of this field, including Burmese, Chins, Karens, missionaries and all, amounted in the year just past to the splendid sum of Rs. 2,600 while Rs. 708 was appropriated through the Burma Joint Committee by the General Board for Evangelism on the field and Rs. 300 was received from the Woman's Board for vernacular schools and village uplift.

Our Pastors Training Class and Farmers Institute will be held October 14 to 23, one week after convention. We are building up a useful program and want all missionaries to feel that it is made for their people too. Where four or more can come from the same village or station, we can get concession orders on the rail

ways. Can we help you? You can help us. We need your prayers that we may serve effectively. Joe Smith.
Bill Cummings.



Dear Burma News,

You come to me regularly. That's good. Perhaps I should write a word, even though I am not in Assam. It is eight years since I left that Province and came to America to retire. However, I have not yet retired but keep on seeing and feeling and even doing, some things.

Life is full of beauty, and sparkling with cheer. The conductor on my trains sits next me at the cafe where I eat. He is so good to me on his train, he carries my suit case and shuts off drafts in the coaches.

Last night a man of my age sat next me on a stool at the counter. He was born in South Dakota and in his whole life never went to Sunday School or Church or was near enough to a preacher to know what such creatures are like. He has taken a year and a half for studying me and deciding in his own mind whether to allow me to get into his heart or not. In fact he did not know people have hearts. He thought the world was composed of grim selfishness.

Baptists are funny. Seeing I am on deputation work I must needs make a study of men. There are millions of them, and no two alike. Just think what a time of it I am having in studying them out!

John Firth.



Took Notice!

On Monday evening next, 3rd August, the Moulmein missionaries will meet at Miss Carman's house and consider ways and means for entertaining at the time of Convention.

We expect to mail you a notice on Tuesday the 4th. Can you save us an inch or tow?

A. J. Weeks.

Vacation Bible School Textbook

A new book to take the place of "The Palace of Heroes," in Burmese, has just been prepared by Sayama Ma Hannah and is on sale at the Press. Advantage has been taken of the experience gained since the first book came out, and the book contains several important additions.

The book covers a four years course, or courses for pupils of four different age groups—from kindergarten up. Outlines are given of sixteen stories for each of these groups, and pictures have been provided to illustrate each of these stories. Many of these are included in the book. Fifty choruses are included. This book will be useful, not only for daily vacation Bible schools, but for Primary schools as well.

Board binding: Rs. 1-4; cloth Rs. 1-8.

Sheets of 16 pictures, four series: 1 anna per sheet.



New Editor for Myanmarhitha

We are very glad to be able to announce that Dr. J. Russell Andrus, Acting Head of the Department of Economics in the University of Rangoon, has been secured as Associate Editor for "Myanmarhitha" Magazine. Dr. Andrus will be able to give just the help that has been needed, in discussing economic conditions and affairs from the Christian standpoint, and with a Christian motive in the columns of this magazine. Dr. Andrus has already won a high place in the esteem of the people of Rangoon, especially, by his public lectures upon economics, and related subjects, and is known among various races and communities as a very wise and kindly guide. We are confident that he will help to make "Myanmarhitha" an influential organ of Christian thought, that will sound forth the gospel message in its implications for daily life.

A. C. Hanna.

Notices

I have already received several requests for conferences to be arranged between Dr. Howard and individuals or groups. Inasmuch as the making of such appointments is in the hands of the Committee arranging for Dr. Howard, any person or group that wishes to have us arrange an appointment with Dr. Howard while he is here, please send in a request at the earliest possible convenience. We wish to take all such requests into consideration in the making out of the itinerary, which Dr. Howard has requested us to make and forward to him.

Urgent

R3697.—Voted: That we recommend to the Board that Mrs. Allen be granted furlough at the end of the present school year of the American School.

Correction. It should read "at the end of the next school year" (1937).

This will be corrected in the next issue of the R. C. Min. This notice is given to ease the minds of parents at the earliest possible date.

In order to complete two full sets of bound copies of the BURMA NEWS from its beginning in 1888 until the present, I am lacking only the NEWS for the year 1929. If anyone has the NEWS of this year I am open to donation or as a prospective buyer. These copies of the NEWS are kept here in the office for the reference of anyone in the Mission. I also have a large number of extra miscellaneous copies of the NEWS from its beginning to 1930. If anyone needs certain copies to complete a file of your own, you are welcome to any copies I have.

Field Secretary.



It is a beautiful thing to change a spot of desert into a garden, and it is still more worth while to get Christ into a heart where He has not been before. J. R. Miller.

Annual Financial Reports

Will those few who have not as yet sent in their Financial Reports, please do so without further delay. We in the office wish to check these over early in August.

Field Secretary.



Appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young, wish to express their appreciation for the letters of sympathy which have been received from fellow missionaries in Burma in regard to their recent loss in the Home going of their father.



Free School Books

We have a stock of 5500 Burmese Copy Books No. 8 and 6300 Burmese Atlases which are more or less out of date, but are still useful, especially for jungle schools which do not have too much money for books. They will be supplied free to the ones who ask for them first.

Map of Mission Station

A number of years ago the World Dominion Press published a map showing the location of Mission Stations in Burma, indicating the societies by which each station is occupied. These should be very helpful in connection with a study of the evaluation report. We have just secured a small supply. As. 4 each.

Devotional Hymns

A new collection of hymns and songs by Hope Publishing Co., for use in all services of the church. 310 hymns. 34 Responsive Readings. Manilla Binding. Re. 1 each.

A. B. M. Press.



Wanted

We need a copy of "The National Geographic Magazine" for July, 1934 to complete our files. If any reader can spare a copy, we will appreciate it. Judson College.

G. E. Gates.

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Vote—Conference, Time and Place

Total possible votes: 131—Total votes cast: 110

The Reference Committee vote stated that the results of the Conference vote concerning time and place was to be declared on July 25. Notice of the result was printed in the Reference Committee Minutes and mailed on the 25th to the Mission. In my absence on tour on that date, Mr. H. W. Smith made the final count on July 25 and released the Reference Committee Minutes. A half dozen votes have come in since then and the following is the count on August 3.

Time		Place	
April (a few "Hot Season")	85		
October	21	Taunggyi	62
January	2	Maymyo	44
Blank	1	No choice	4
Total	109	Total votes	110
One vote (Oct. and April)	1		
Total votes	110		

3rd August

C. E. CHANEY